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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., October 22, 2004 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.94 million cattle on feed on October 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 6 percent from last year but 1 percent below October 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 470,000 head, down 10 percent from 2003 but 4 percent above 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 320,000 head, down 7 percent from last year and 4 percent below September two years ago. Other disappearance during September totaled 10,000 compared with 5,000 last year and 5,000 during September 2002.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2003 and up slightly from October 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003 but 8 percent above 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during September, 3 percent below 2003 but 15 percent above 2002.

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